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another painting, called Fred's Wife, which made it into the top three of the competition.

After seeing an elderly couple in Fleet, Charlotte was inspired to use them for her project.

She took a picture of the couple who

were more than happy to be a part of the artistic process.

Charlotte, who is studying Fine Art at University of the Arts in London, said she was 'delighted' to win the competition.

See page 8 for the full story.

Final designs are out for new Basingstoke fire HQ as proposal is submitted to council

PLANS to rebuild Basingstoke's fire station to make it the biggest in the county were submitted on Friday.

The planning application to replace the current building next to the West Ham roundabout was put forward to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council for permission.

The existing fire station and garage would be demolished and rebuilt.

Originally built in 1967, the current building is described as in need of replacing with the brickwork cladding insecure.

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service spokesman Paul Breakwell said: "Our £6million plans for a new fire station for Basingstoke would see the town gain the biggest fire station in the county.

"This would provide a stronger, more resilient service, which will make the communities of north Hampshire even safer.

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"This represents a major investment in modern facilities that will last for many decades at the heart of the Basingstoke community."

A new two-storey building, larger smoke training facility and garage for 10 vehicles would be built.

A new training tower would also link with the existing smoke training building.

The current number of fire fighters based at the station - 80 whole time crew and 20 retained crew - will not change.

But the new station would be able to house more specialist vehicles, making it the largest in Hampshire in terms of vehicle numbers.

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County's biggest fire station plans

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The space in the yard would be enlarged for training and so vehicles can be moved around more easily.

If the plans are approved, a temporary fire station will operate from the site during the construction works.

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On behalf of South Ham councillors, Sean Keating said: "We wholeheartedly welcome this new facility.

"It will ensure that the modern fire station will be able to cope with the latest fire fighting equipment, especially in height.

"The investment by the fire authority is recognition of the expanding town and the need for full time fire fighters.

areas and new equipment is further evidence of the need to keep up to date with emergency arrangements."

He added councillor Gary Watts was particularly supportive.

If permission is granted, building work is to start in July 2015, and to end by the end of 2016.



• Computer generated image of the new station

£25,000 vintage watch collection is burgled

A MAN wearing a crash helmet burgled a vintage watch collection worth £25,000 from an Old Basing home.

Basingstoke Police Station officers released images of the watches on Friday and appealed

for help catching the man.

The suspect was spotted climbing out the house in Bleenheim Road between 12.45pm and 1pm by a member of the public on July 15.

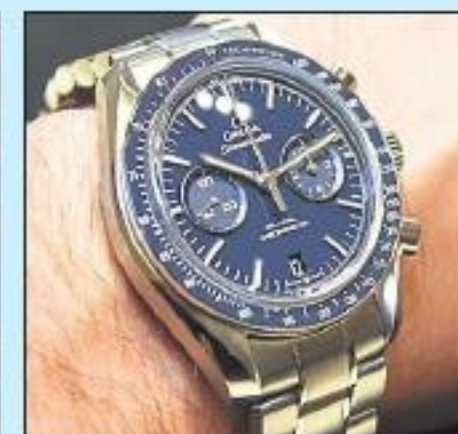
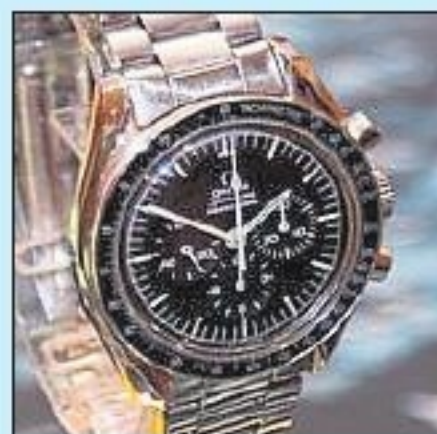
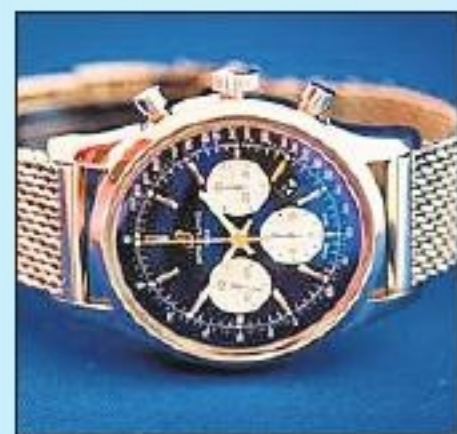
He made his getaway on the

back of a scooter waiting up Park Avenue.

Police Constable Craig Bannerman said: "The alarm went off as a result of this incident. Did you hear the alarm and notice anything suspicious?"

"Did you see the suspects and notice what they were wearing?"

"Have you been offered any of the watches for sale?" Anyone with any information is asked to call 101.



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WWI service

A BASINGSTOKE resident who lost two granddads and three other family members in the First World War will take centre stage at a memorial service on Monday.

Mick Smith will give a reading at the Mayor's commemoration service at St Michael's Church in Church Square from 7pm.

August 4 marks exactly 100 years since Britain entered the First World War.

Other descendants of those who died will be laying flowers in remembrance and are invited to visit the 1919 Memorial Chapel.

Silver stolen

SILVER jewellery and cash was stolen from a Basingstoke home this month.

On July 11, between 2pm and 4pm, a house on Gregory Close was broken into and four items of jewellery were stolen - a dragon scale style bracelet, a chunky silver chain bracelet, a silver rectangular ring with artificial diamonds and a square silver ring containing five artificial diamonds.

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101.

Kids activities

A CHILDREN'S craft and story time session will be held at Waterstones bookshop in Festival Place shopping centre on Saturday.

Wild about Words, from Midday to 2pm will also give children the chance to take part in activities such as making origami butterflies.

The story time will feature popular books from Waterstones' children's books selection.

Spaces will be limited and filled on a first come, first served basis.

Canal cruises

CRUISES down the Basingstoke canal will run throughout August, courtesy of the John Pinkerton II boat.

Cruisers will have the chance to see the countryside and woodland views with a bar on the Basingstoke Canal Society-owned boat.

The trip lasts for two hours and will start from Colt Hill Wharf in Odiham.

Tickets cost £8 for adults, £5 for children and family tickets are £25, with proceeds going towards safeguarding the canal.

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Residents: panels will ruin "prettiest" part of Hampshire



• The view of where the panels would be installed from Poland Lane

A PLANNING application to install 6,473 square meters of solar panels in Hook has been fiercely opposed by residents in the area.

Plans to build a solar farm at Potsbridge Farm were submitted to Hart District Council by RenPlan Consulting Ltd on May 8. Nearby residents have vowed to fight the plans.

Mark Horne, 65, of Poland Lane, has lived in the area for 20 years and says the solar arrays would ruin one of the "prettiest" parts of Hampshire: "This abomination must be struck out."

"The planners must forbid it. Every right-minded parishioner must object and not to do

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so would deprive our children of the timeless beauty that we inherited from caring generations past."

Residents surrounding Potsbridge Farm were notified by Hart District Council on June 2 and were told they had until June 22 to object - but Mr Horne has said the deadline has been extended.

He added: "There are places for solar arrays and this is not the place."

"There is no need to put a solar

array in full view of houses,"

Daryll Cooke, a freelance flower designer, who has lived on Poland Lane all her life, said: "It is unacceptable to put solar arrays in this pretty part of the countryside."

"It will be a blight on the landscape."

A report was published in April assessing the landscape and visual impact of the solar arrays, which concluded that the solar arrays would have very limited impact on the area.

The founder of RenPlan Consulting Ltd and applicant, Ben Lewis, said: "It is very rare not to receive objections with solar panels. That is the nature of the

proposal, there will always be split opinions."

Odiham Parish Council submitted a statement which said: "Odiham Parish Council objects on the basis of the impact on the visual amenity of the surrounding houses and of users of the various footpaths and public vantage points surrounding the site."

Bell Cornwell, a planning consultancy based in Hook, published a report that objects to the application.

It states the visual prominence of the solar arrays and the fact

that it would have an impact on heritage assets would "change the character of the area."

Other residents are worried the solar panels would reduce the value of their houses.

Odiham resident Jan Schutte wrote to Hart District Council: "The value of the house will decrease because the view is destroyed and the house will be next to an industrial area."

A target decision date for the planning application has been set by the Hart District Council as August 21.

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£300 burgled

A man claimed to be analysing paintwork on a house which his accomplice stole £300 from during a distraction burglary in Whitechurch last week.

Two men entered the house in The Knowlings on Wednesday, July 23, between 5 and 5.30pm.

A man in his 50s and woman in her 70s were distracted by one of the men while the other went into the bedroom and stole cash from a wallet.

Police believe they used a burgundy coloured Audi to make their getaway.

One is described as in his early 20s, 6ft, and slim with short hair.

He was wearing a dark blue top and blue shorts with a white check.

The other is slightly bigger, of a medium height, wearing a blue polo shirt, dark blue shorts and a baseball cap.

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101.

Services merge

HAMPSHIRE fire and rescue service and Hampshire Constabulary announced plans to share their headquarters on Monday.

They already share other buildings across Hampshire but have now revealed plans to merge their headquarters.

Both have submitted bids for government funding for the move.

On July 28, Hampshire Constabulary found out a £1million bid was successful.

The move will see the police move to the fire services headquarters in Leigh Road, Eastleigh.

Security guard robbed dropping off cash box at a leisure park

A SECURITY guard delivering money was robbed at a cash machine in Basingstoke on Tuesday.

The security guard was dropping the money off at West Ham Leisure Park when a man attacked him and stole the cash box.

The man was then driven away in a car.

The security guard had minor injuries from the attack.

Detectives are appealing for information and witnesses.

Detective Sergeant Graeme Eaton said: "Lots of people use the park and ride facilities at the leisure park and this incident happened during the morning rush hour."

"Did you see anything?"

"We're aware of a bus which was in the area where the robbery took place, were you on that bus?"

"Did you see anything unusual or the incident itself?"

Anyone with any information is asked to call police via their 101 number.



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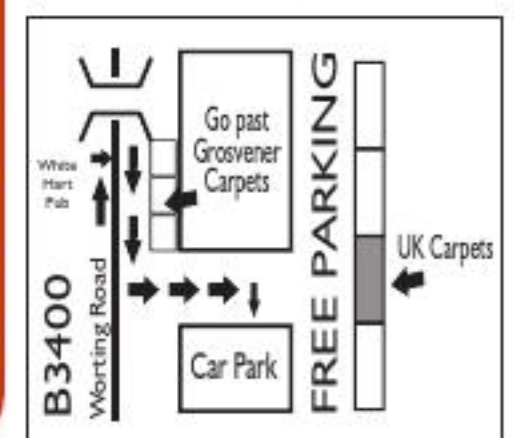


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Site for town's new football stadium to be reconsidered after committee objections

PLANS to relocate Basingstoke Town's football stadium face delays after a council U-turn of support last week.

At a scrutiny committee of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council on Thursday, July 24, councillors Stuart Parker and Laura James called for the site location for Basingstoke Town FC's new stadium to be reconsidered.

They warned that residents near the new stadium face having their green space downsized.

But John Izett, cabinet member for property, financing and commissioning, warned the U-turn could mean delays of up to five years for the stadium project.

Cllr Izett said: "As a council, we have been in the process of looking at sites since 2009.

"If we are to decide to delay even more and look for another site, it will take even longer to get things done. This doesn't send good signals of the borough council as a business partner."

The club wants to upgrade its current Soccer AM Stadium in Western Way to a new 5,124 capacity stadium in Old Common Road, Eastrop.

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Basingstoke Town FC has previously agreed with the cabinet that the site chosen at Old Common Road will be the best for a new 5,124 capacity stadium.

The opposition was raised because Eastrop councillor Stuart Parker and Norden councillor Laura James said the stadium would cover a third of the land currently used as green space by residents.

Cllr Parker said: "Insufficient consideration has been given to the potential loss of green open space."

"It ranks very low on priority by this current administration."

"I believe this decision is going against current council policy to protect green space."

Basingstoke Town FC secretary David Knight said: "We feel that there is little more we can do until the cabinet have made up their mind."

A public consultation will be launched over August and September for residents to give their feedback on the plans.

Wheely big success for hospice bike ride

MORE than 1,100 cyclists took part in a bike ride to raise money for a Basingstoke hospice in the North Hampshire countryside on Sunday.

On July 27, The Big Wheel

22, which started at the Down Grange Sports Complex, in Pack Lane, raised cash for St Michael's Hospice.

With four tracks to choose from - five, 18, 31 and 63 mile routes

- the event catered to cyclists of all abilities.

Stephen Lutener, a pharmacist from South View, Basingstoke, raised £2,200 for St Michael's Hospice and rode the 31-mile route.

The 58-year-old said: "There was a tremendous effort from everyone, and when I was struggling during the bike ride other riders spurred me on."

"I was dragged to the finish line by all the emotions during the day."

"One day I hope to attempt the 63 mile bike ride."

He added: "Choosing to do it was a spur of the moment thing."

"As this was my first sponsored ride I had to make sure I was prepared."

"But getting sponsorship was easy."

The hospice, which cares for people with life limiting illnesses in North Hampshire and beyond, hopes to have raised £60,000.

A total has not yet been fully calculated.



• Riders at this year's Big Wheel event (Picture courtesy of Loddon Photography)

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Cookery classes

MEN'S cookery classes will be held in Odiham Cottage Hospital from August 1.

Hampshire County Council devised the scheme for men who have little or no knowledge of how to cook for themselves.

The classes will focus on food hygiene and nutrition and will feature demonstrations on how to cook healthily.

Waitrose is sponsoring the classes, which will run for six weeks.

To book a place call 01252 774276.

Bank theft

POLICE want to speak to a man in relation to the theft of a wallet in Burghclere.

The wallet was stolen from a parked car in Earlsstone Common.

Bank cards were used at a cashpoint at Tesco in Easton Lane, Winchester, and £200 was taken from the victim's account.

The theft happened between 6am and 8am on June 16.

Anyone with information should call on 101.



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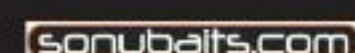
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Developers begin work on new Waitrose and John Lewis store in Basing View

BUILDING work on the new Waitrose supermarket and John Lewis home store in Basing View started last week.

Preparation work including fencing off the site started last Wednesday, July 23.

A total of 330 jobs are to be made as part of the project, which is due to be finished by the end of next year.

Contractors for the build, Bowmer and Kirkland, were appointed by the borough council's development partner, Muse Developments.

Site offices will be set up over the next couple of weeks.

Muse Developments regional

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director Mike Auger said: "The store provides a high quality retail amenity as well as acting as a solid platform on which further exciting development can be based."

The project is part of a wider regeneration of Basing View.

Councillor John Izett, cabinet member for property, finance and commissioning, said: "This is an important new investment in our borough."

"The stores will attract more

people and more businesses to Basing View and generate extra leisure and retail expenditure for the town.

I am confident that the development will bring huge spin-off benefits, not least a gross value addition to the economy of the town."

It is estimated about £4.5million a year will be generated for the town's economy as a result of the development.

The 73,000 sq ft site will include a café and 400 parking spaces.

The 47,400 sq ft John Lewis home store will be joined to the 25,500 sq ft Waitrose store.

A new stretch of road, which will reroute Basing View, is also being built.

The footpath to the open car park is shut this week and in two to three weeks, the footpath which runs from the station area alongside the Network Rail car park will be closed for six months.

There will be an alternative route in place via the Eastrop roundabout and Basing View.

The council is also considering using the centre shuttle bus for those affected by the closure of the walking routes.

The new format store is only the second in the John Lewis Group portfolio.



• Computer generated image of the new site in Basing View

WWI fete in Old Basing

OLD Basing will step back in time during a village fete on Saturday to commemorate the centenary of the First World War.

The relatives of 26 men from Old Basing who died in the war have donated photos, medals and mementos to be showed at the fete.

About 1,500 people are expected to join the festivities at Old Basing's Royal British Legion (RBL) base in Crown Lane.

The RBL hosts will be dressed in 1914 attire alongside period style stalls from Midday to 4.30pm.

Chairman of the Old Basing RBL, Rick Bourne, said: "People perhaps might not think they will want to be learning about WWI but we will have a lot of interesting and fun things happening on the day."

"People will be able to enjoy themselves and be educated."

"It will be a commemoration and we will be recapturing the moment."

A First World War gun will be fired to commemorate the war.

And a Chinook helicopter on show will nod towards the progression of military equipment and the continuing links with the area at RAF Odiham.

The event is partly funded by a £10,000 Heritage Lottery Fund grant alongside £2,500 from Hampshire County Council.

Entry to the event costs 50p and all donations will go to The Poppy Appeal.

The First World War broke out on July 28, 1914, when Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia.

Britain joined the war on August 4 declaring war on Germany.

After more than four years of fighting and an armistice was signed on November 11, 1918.

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Air ambulance

HAMPSHIRE'S air ambulance got a £2,300 boost last week from a county hunting group.

The New Forest Hounds of Hampshire presented the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance (HIOWAA) with the cheque.

Then horse riders raised the money during a sponsored ride last month.

The air ambulance, which covers Basingstoke, is based in Thruxton.

Road safety site

FROM August 1, people in Hampshire will be able to find out about measures being taken to improve road safety by going online and logging onto crimereports.co.uk.

As well as speed enforcement data, information about crimes will be available for people to look at.

Hampshire Constabulary is the first police force to publish speed enforcement data in this way.

Charity launch

TADLEY'S Sainsbury's held its charity launch last Saturday for The Loddon Valley Day Care Centre, raising £648 on the day.

This is the second time the Loddon Centre has been sponsored as a part of Sainsbury's local charity partnership scheme.

During the day there was tombola, name the teddy competition, book sale and a raffle.

Tadley's deputy mayor Anne Court also attended.

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Numbers' up

ST MICHAEL'S Hospice has announced the winners from its latest lottery draw from July 25.

First prize of £1,000 goes to 16997 of Popley, while the second prize of £100 goes to 218143 of Basingstoke.

Third prize of £50 goes to 60107 in Tadley and Kempshott ticket 22947 in fourth place gets £20.

16 prizes of £5 go to 00854, 02062, 17609, 18555, 28663, 33239, 37638, 51243, 53192, 63805, 65684, 69473, 70316, 75278, 75949, 95317.

Safety leaflets

A COMMUNITY safety charity is sending out new booklets to help keep Hampshire residents safe from burglaries and fires.

The Blue Lamp Trust, supported by Hampshire Constabulary and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service, will distribute 10,000 copies of the advice leaflets at public events, to victims of burglary, and neighbourhood watch groups.

Football session

ALTON Town Council has teamed up with Alton Town Football Club to give over 16s a chance to take part in football sessions.

The Mars "Just Play" Football Project urges young people to turn up and take part in football sessions and inspire them to join local football clubs.

The sessions will take place at Anstey Park in Anstey Road on Fridays from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Council's chief exec announces retirement

THE chief executive of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council announced last week he is stepping down.

Tony Curtis, who has served as the chief executive since 2007, has told the fellow councillors he will be retiring from his position on November 30.

Cllr Curtis, who has worked in local government for 40 years, said he wants to find a new job in the public sector so he can spend more time with his wife and three children.

"As I'm marking 40 years of local government service this month, I felt this was a natural time, with many major projects now in place, to let someone else take the reins to help make the borough an even better 'place to be proud of'," the 61-year-old said.

"I feel this is time for me to use my experience in different ways. I will now be looking for a new role which will allow me more time to spend with my family."

Cllr Curtis first joined the council in 1998, where he worked as the director of planning and transport.

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During his time in office, the council was rated as the 15th best district in the country for value for money, the fifth best for customer satisfaction and the most financially resilient of all councils.

Cllr Curtis said: "This is an exciting time for the borough. We have made a lot of progress towards setting the direction for an even better future for our residents."

"I am immensely proud of the fantastic officer team I have worked with at the council and their commitment to going the extra mile for the people we serve."

The local economic partnership Enterprise M3 which has received millions of pounds from central government funding was also set up during Mr Curtis's time in charge.

Councillors will be finding someone to replace Mr Curtis over the next few months.

Young artist wins prestigious competition

A FORMER pupil of Alton College has won the BBC's The One Show's amateur painting competition.

Charlotte Bradley, 21, who is now a Fine Art student at the University of the Arts in Wimbledon, London, won the award

with her painting called Hilda. She was inspired to paint the picture after seeing an elderly couple in Fleet last year.

After taking a picture of the couple last year, she got started on painting and submitted it to The One Show's competition.

She said: "The couple were so sweet and accommodating so it's nice to have this recognition for them too."

One of her other paintings - Fred's Wife - got to the top three of the competition too.

Charlotte, who has been painting since she was 16, lived in Farnham while studying at Alton College and was formerly a pupil at Lord Wandsworth School in Hook.

Currently working in Basingstoke, Charlotte has plans to have a career in art therapy once she has finished studying.

Both of the paintings will be on display at the Royal Academy of Art in London until August 9.

She said: "I'm delighted to have won the competition as it has been really encouraging to have my work recognised and appreciated."

She added: "I'm thrilled about having two works hung up in the Royal Academy over the summer."



• (Right) Charlotte Bradley and (above) her painting of Hilda

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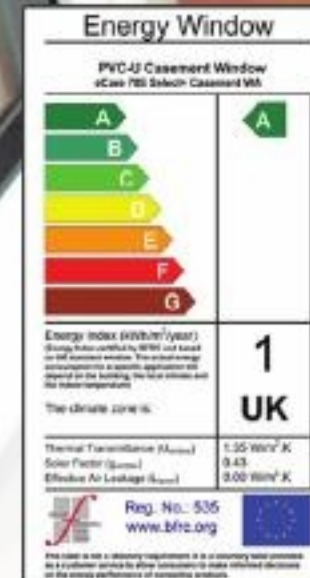
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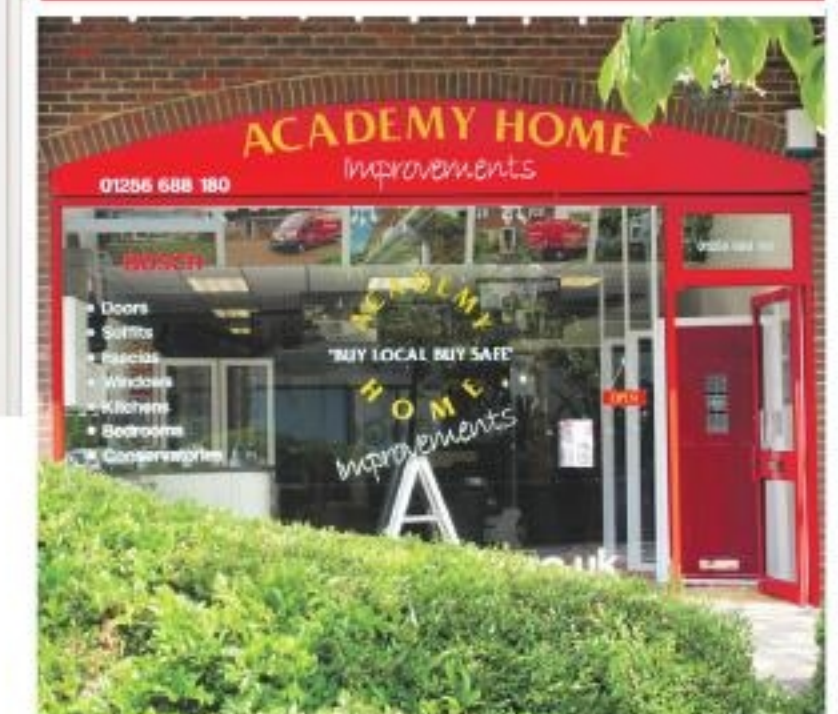
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WWI service

ALTON'S mayor will lead a First World War commemoration at St Lawrence Church at 5pm Sunday.

Councillor Graham Hill said: "This church service is open to all members of the public so please join us as we pay our respects to everyone who lost their lives or who were injured in that terrible war."

Army support

HAMPSHIRE County Council has been awarded for the support it gives to its staff in the reserve forces during their spare time.

The South East Reserves Forces' and Cadets' Association and the MoD campaign, Supporting Britain's Reservists and Employers (SaBRE) organised the award, which was given to County Councillor Roger Huxtep on the HMS Victory in Portsmouth at the start of July.

Business awards

BUSINESSES have until August 15 to enter the INSPIRE14 Business Awards.

The awards, which celebrate the success of local businesses, are open to companies across North Hampshire.

The awards, which are sponsored by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, have 13 categories including new business of the year, employee of the year, and international business of the year.

To enter, go to inspirebusinessawards.co.uk.

Roundabout to help town cope with growing population size

THE Black Dam Roundabout's long awaited government investment is vital to helping the town cope with Basingstoke's growing population.

Now, with a total investment of £11.2million, funded by the Highways Agency, and contributions from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and the county council, work can now go ahead to convert the roundabout.

Capacity for the busy roundabout needs to be increased because of tailbacks to the M3 that have caused accidents in the past.

MP Maria Miller commented on the investment after visiting the site and receiving a briefing from the Highways Agency: "These improvements at the Black Dam roundabout will really help to ease congestion at peak times - that's good for local residents and local business. For too long the case for investing in Basingstoke's roads was not given the priority it warranted."

The Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership was awarded £118m from the Local Government's Growth Fund and part of it will be used to improve roads in the area.

The Black Dam roundabout is

being converted into a fully signalised half through-about junction, which will improve journey times for local and motorway traffic.

Four lanes of northbound traffic will be directed into the centre of the roundabout to reduce congestion.

The reduction of traffic is fundamental if the infrastructure of the town is to cope with the demand for more houses.

The projected population growth will require an extra 800-900 houses to be built in Basingstoke a year.

The Highways Agency had also listened to the views of Basingstoke residents to help design the roundabout.

"This is the start of a series of important road improvements funded by the Government all around the town to address acute problems that have been created over the past decade by building thousands of new houses without the necessary investment in roads and services going alongside it," Mrs Miller commented.

By Mathew Di Salvo

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Lost war soldiers remembered for centenary



• (Left to right) Deirdre Mills and MP Maria Miller at the Worting Road Cemetery

SOLDIERS of the First World War were remembered during a visit by MP Maria Miller to war graves at two Basingstoke cemeteries last Friday.

Mrs Miller visited Worting Road Cemetery where there are 54 war graves and South View Cemetery, which has 20.

The visit marked the start of the centenary of the First World War which broke out on July 28, 1914, when Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia.

Mrs Miller said: "It is very moving to visit these Commonwealth war graves and commemorate the sacrifice that so many people made, fighting for

their country.

"The Commonwealth War Graves Commission does a fantastic job in ensuring that the war graves here, and around the world, are beautifully and respectfully maintained."

"As we approach the centenary of the start of the First World War, it is an important time to reflect and commemorate."

"It is also vital that we ensure that our young people learn about the First World War and understand its legacy."

The Commonwealth War Graves (CWGC) UK director, Deirdre Mills, also visited the graves with Mrs Miller.

She said: "Although our work overseas is well known, there is less awareness of the 300,000 commemorations in the UK."

"The commission is reaching out to local communities and, in particular to younger generations, to help them understand the significance of these graves and the sacrifice that has been made."

The CWGC, cares for war graves at cemeteries across 153 countries.

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New plans for Top of Town development due to take a step forward

AN ACTION plan for a second year of improvements for Basingstoke's Top of the Town is set to be agreed at a council meeting today.

By Mathew Di Salvo

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A CCTV review, new benches, planters and signs could be among the plans which could be set out for the square.

The Basingstoke Town Centre Programme launched in May last year with 30 minutes free car parking and the introduction of a programme of street entertainment and events.

The Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council are expected to approve a second year action plan for the town centre programme at a cabinet meeting tonight, July 31.

The council's cabinet member for housing and regeneration, Terri Reid, said: "A great deal of work has taken place successfully over the past year and now, with this momentum, we need to push on."

Basingstoke Festival over June and July and the Eat Street food fair in April proved popular this year as part of last year's programme.

The plans to renew the town centre programme were first discussed by the councillors at a Scrutiny Committee meeting on May 14.

As part of the second year action plan the council could install new street planters, benches and other street furniture, review the town centre's CCTV, improve pedestrian signage and deliver a support programme for local businesses.

The council is also expected to propose that there will be a regular events programme in Top of the Town.

A website will also be developed specifically for Top of the Town by April 2015.

Clr Reid added: "This is an exciting time with lots of new initiatives and projects already under way to improve the historic heart of Basingstoke

where traders can flourish and visitors can shop, eat, drink, meet friends and be entertained all in one location.

"This second year action plan takes this work forward and proves we mean business at the Top of the Town."

The meeting in the council's committee rooms at their London Road is due to be held from 6.30pm until 9.30pm.

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Council pledge

BASINGSTOKE and Deane Borough Council has signed up to the Local Government Association's climate local pledge.

By signing up, the council has promised to try and reduce the borough's carbon emissions.

In particular, it will help local people and businesses to use energy efficiently, deliver services that are resource efficient and less carbon intensive, and ensure that council-owned buildings and operations use clean energy and are prepared for the impacts of climate change.

Summer camp

CHILDREN in Alton will have the chance to attend a summer camp in August.

Alton Town Council has teamed up with Alton College to run a sport and activity camp for six to 14-year-olds with a camp that will involve.

The two-week camp includes sports such as football and tennis in the morning and afternoons of arts and crafts. It will run from August 4 to 15.



News Bite

Sports festival

ALTON'S Community Sports Festival will kick off on August 16.

The festival aims to inform residents about the variety of sports and activities available in their area by letting them have a go for free.

Football, hockey, tennis, trampolining and taekwondo are just some of the sports that will be there to try.

It is open to people of all ages and will run from Mid-day until about 4pm at Anstey Park in Anstey Road.

A closing ceremony will draw the event to a close and will involve a prize giving for the various games and competitions throughout the day.

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Hampshire County Council, South Downs National Park Authority and East Hampshire District Council have teamed up to develop a trail to connect the town with the park.

The route will be called "The Writers' Way".

It will link the house of the pioneering 18th century naturalist Gilbert White to Jane Austen's former home Chawton as well as other parts of Hampshire described by Farnham writer William Cobbett in his 1830 book Rural Rides.

Cyclists, walkers and horse riders can use the route connecting Alton Station with villages of Selborne, Farringdon, Worldham and Four Marks.

Keith Chapman, Hampshire County Council's executive member for culture, recreation and countryside, said: "The Writers' Way route aims to link tourist attractions, including the Watercress steam railway line, with Alton Station and create sustainable transport links."

He added: "It will help people access this part of the South Downs National Park from Alton, making the town one of the gateways to the National park."

"We want to unlock all the economic potential that brings."

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Blues show

BLUES musician Rod Garfield and his band perform at the Basingstoke Blues Club tomorrow evening.

Rod has performed alongside countless musicians in his 30-year career, best known for his talents with the harmonica.

He formed the Rod Garfield Blues Band in 1987, who are revered nationally for staging numerous charity concerts.

Rod is also a well respected solo artist, and concentrates on spreading the sound of blues to a wide reaching audience.

Tomorrow's gig gets underway from 7.30pm at the Moose Centre in Churchill Way.

Children take on Annie

BUDDING theatre performers take to The Haymarket stage from today in a production of the popular family musical *Annie*.

The eight to 18-year-olds from around Basingstoke have been rehearsing over the past seven days ahead of their premiere this evening, July 31.

It has been organised by youth theatre company Rare Productions.

By Adam Flinn

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This show is their first in the town.

"Basingstoke is our newest area," said the company's musical director David Thomson.

"We've been running now for 12 years, running 19 groups across the south east, so it's a pretty big operation."

"Around 2,500 to 3,000 kids go through our shows each year, and we are adding another three, four or five areas each year as we go."

Performers in Basingstoke haven't had long to rehearse for their roles,

but have been working flat out over the past week to ensure they will be ready for tonight.

Around 120 young people will be on stage at The Haymarket, all with varying levels of experience.

"The cast in Basingstoke are very young, but I'm sure a lot of them will have done all kinds of things," David added.

"We don't set out to be a theatre school because we recognise in general terms, although a lot of these kids think they want to go on stage as a career, in reality very few will."

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Line-up at The Forge

AHEAD of closing for its summer break, Basingstoke auditorium The Forge has announced its upcoming shows until the end of the year.

It returns to action with a performance from Texas based singer Carrie Elkin, with a selection of folk and country songs on September 26.

BBC Radio 2 Folk Award nominee Jim Causley teams up with singer and accordionist Lukas Drinkwater on October 9, with a showcase of material the pair have written together.

Nashville's Bridgitte DeMeyer arrives two days later following the release of her sixth album 'Savannah Road', of a mix of acoustic steel and slide guitar.

Jazz quintet World Service Project join with German guitar troupe Zodiak Trio on October 16, as they blend their two ensembles for this new show.

October concludes with a selection from Songs of the Scottish Enlightenment, performed by multi-instrumentalist Luke Daniels.

In November, country artist Zoe Muth and The Lost High Rollers are

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at The Forge with their newest album 'World of Strangers'.

They are followed by Winter Mountain on November 8, performing melodic folk songs reminiscent of pre-digital recording.

Robb Johnson performs song suite 'Gentle Men' on November 15, which focuses on his grandfather's experience of the First World War.

Award-winning folk artist Emily Portman takes to the stage on November 18 alongside Lucy Farrell and Rachel Newton with their talents on the harp, banjo and strings.

Guitarist Martin Harley brings his blues/roots sounds on November 20, having travelled the globe.

And The Brodowski Quartet perform a day later with their classical music skills, featuring pieces by Haydn, Glass and Dvorak.

For a full list, see anvilarts.org.uk.



• Carrie Elkin kicks off The Forge's post-summer season on September 26.

WWI fete

A FETE commemorating the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War takes place at Old Basing Royal British Legion on Saturday.

Vintage and contemporary attractions are brought together for the fete, including a tea room, craft stalls and a number of other sellers.

Performers in period costume and the Old Basing Cadet Band will be providing live entertainment throughout the day, and a selection of activities for children will also be available.

The fete starts at noon, and runs until 4.30pm. Entry is 50p.

For more details, go to rbl-oldbasing.org.uk.

Charity show

VOLUNTEERS for animal charity Bravo Working Dog Rescue host a blues and comedy fundraiser at Cliddesden Village Hall this Saturday.

Rock and blues from Marvin and the Hang Gliders is performed alongside support from Sugarman Sam and the Voodoo Men, with special guest comedian Matthew Baylis.

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Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once. **EASY/MEDIUM/HARD**

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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

- 1 Purchased (6)
- 7 Set free (7)
- 8 Tile (7)
- 9 Circles (5)
- 10 Characteristic (9)
- 12 Relative (3)
- 13 Rend (4)
- 15 Member of legislative group (7)
- 17 Ocean movement (4)
- 19 Snare (3)
- 21 Covered with swellings (9)
- 22 Make merry (5)
- 23 Tell (7)
- 24 Trips (7)
- 25 Pamper (6)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 Cellar (8)
- 2 Alliances (6)
- 3 Sanitary science (7)
- 4 Frighten (5)
- 5 Drive (6)
- 6 Curves (4)
- 7 Sources (11)
- 11 Pry (4)
- 13 Large plant (4)
- 14 Most prepared (8)
- 16 Great Lake (7)
- 18 Consecrate (6)
- 20 Entertains (6)
- 21 Plain-spoken (5)
- 22 Covering (4)

Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 Give joy by putting six in reckless surroundings (6)
- 7 The ultimate from the river, by the sound of it (7)
- 8 Respects the dirt in the commercials? (7)
- 9 Get to the stretch of water (5)
- 10 Care for the worker? At first, it's waiting (9)
- 12 Bend back a source of heat (3)
- 13 Seasonal plant (4)
- 15 Pause about jealousy (7)
- 17 Devours most of the animal foods (4)
- 19 Or holding a blade (3)
- 21 Carrying out the duties of a hangman (9)
- 22 Overlay the disguise (5)
- 23 Working to get one fish? (7)
- 24 Or is Sue otherwise solemn? (7)
- 25 Produces by degrees? (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Concerning the present age, can it be interesting to peruse? (8)
- 2 Leaves out five at the beginning, and is sick (6)
- 3 Unusual to wander under the road (7)
- 4 Begin to find a loose woman below the initial surface (5)
- 5 Tell how it could connect? (6)
- 6 Noah's son could be in such a trap (4)
- 7 Recent maps to the south show cliffs (11)
- 11 Organs in the cornfields (4)
- 13 High temperature in the Atlantic (4)
- 14 Misses the luggage? (8)
- 16 Voyager who might solicit a rising man to come inside (7)
- 18 The vet ran out to the hotel (6)
- 20 I'd be in the ring on horseback (6)
- 21 Sin or make a mistake (5)
- 22 Have all the actors a squint? (4)

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Scribble space

This week's solutions

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Quick Crossword
Across: 1 Bought 7 Delivered 8 Shingle 9 Rings 10 Mannerism 12 Son 13 Tear 15 Senator 17 Tide 19 Net 21 Blistered 22 Revel 23 Narrate 24 Outings 25 Cosset
Down: 1 Basement 2 Unions 3 Hygiene 4 Alarm 5 Avenue 6 Arcs 7 Derivations 11 Nose 13 Tree 14 Readiest 16 Ontario 18 Devote 20 Treats 21 Blunt 22 Roof

Cryptic Crossword
Across: 1 Ravish 7 Extreme 8 Admirer 9 Reach 10 Attendant 12 Sag 13 Herb 15 Respite 17 Fats 19 Car 21 Executing 22 Cover 23 Telling 24 Serious 25 Stages
Down: 1 Readable 2 Vomits 3 Strange 4 Start 5 Relate 6 Mesh 7 Escarpments 11 Cars 13 Heat 14 Baggage 16 Tournet 18 Tavern 20 Riding 21 Error 22 Cast

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Introducing Ford's first-ever electric car



• The Ford Focus Electric

IT'S taken a while, but Ford has finally joined the electric car party with its Focus Electric, which is now on sale in the UK.

With the exception of a new grille, front-wing charging point and subtle badging, the Focus Electric shares the looks of Ford's familiar five-door hatchback, but under-the-skin uses a lithium-ion battery pack and AC electric motor, which is good for an 85mph top speed and a surprisingly sprightly 11 second sprint to 62mph.

The biggest limitation currently associated with electric vehicles (EVs) concerns a lack of useable range, but the Focus offers a claimed mileage of up to 100 miles on a full charge (depending on driving style and choice of route) aided by the powertrain's use of regenerative braking to capture up to 95 per cent of kinetic energy normally lost during the braking process.

Charging takes 10-11 hours from a standard three-pin 240 volt/10 amp UK domestic socket, while a fast charger operating at 32 amps can achieve a full top-up in three to four hours.

Due to the electric motor delivering its 250Nm of torque instantly, the Focus Electric feels very strong off the mark and at lower speeds, but over 60mph the

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By Philip Shoulder

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rate of speed increase slows considerably, as the car gradually builds up to its restricted 85mph top speed.

Despite a significantly heavier kerb weight of 1,700kg, this Focus retains the dynamic appeal of conventionally powered versions, save for a touch less body control around corners.

In-car refinement however is a marked improvement over a combustion Focus. Like its EV rivals, the Focus Electric's motor is smooth and refined and once underway, all that disturbs the serenity is a whisper of wind noise and a modicum of road rumble.

Although cabin space is unaffected by the electric conversion, the battery occupies a significant chunk of the luggage area, which reduces everyday carrying capacity from 316 litres down to 237 litres.

Ford has made an effort by installing a two-tier load floor, incorporating a hidden storage compartment.

The interior is virtually identical to any other Focus, apart from some unique EV instrumentation.

VERDICT: The Focus stands out from the electric car crowd by looking largely identical to the regular combustion model on which it's based. That aside, Ford's first EV is a highly competent all-round product, being quick, quiet, comfortable and great to drive. A high sticker price of £28,580 (after £5k government contribution) is likely to be the only turn-off for private buyers.

FACTS at a glance

Ford Focus Electric
Price: £28,580 (inc £5k grant)
Engine: 143bhp AC motor
Power: 23kwh lithium-ion battery pack
Transmission: Single-speed automatic, front-wheel drive
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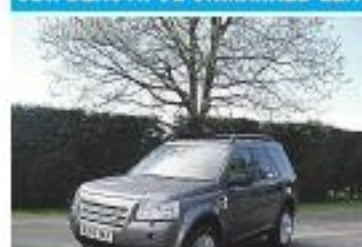
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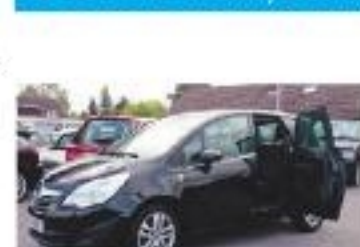
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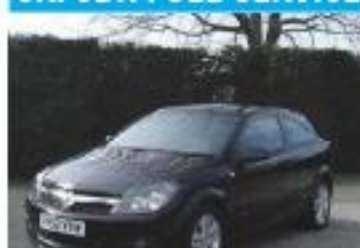
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Representative Finance Example For New Ford Kuga Zetec 2.0 TDCI 2WD Diesel Manual: Cash Price: £20,774.5, Deposit: £999.00, Deposit Allowance: £1,500.00, Total amount of credit: £18,274.5, Purchase fee: £10.00, Finance Facility fee: £10.00, Total amount payable: £28,893.00, Monthly payments of: £299.00, Final payment: £1,060.00.
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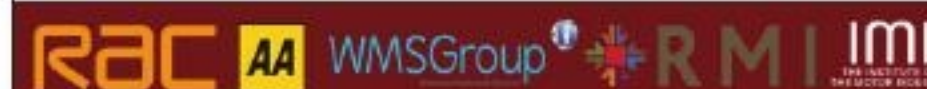
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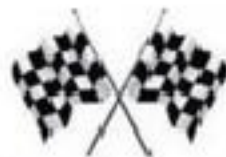


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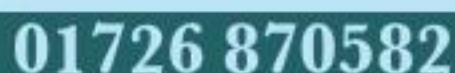
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Hockey win for Danson in Glasgow

ODIHAM'S Alex Danson starred in England's women's hockey team at the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games by opening the scoring to help them reach the semi-finals.

The Reading forward struck first in yesterday's 2-1 victory over hosts Scotland to set up a last-four tie against New Zealand tomorrow.

Susannah Townsend doubled the visitors lead shortly after, but Nikki Kidd's strike just before half-time gave Scotland a glimmer of hope.

Danson also netted the first goal in their 2-0 win over Wales before scoring another in their 5-0 rout over Malaysia.

However the 2012 Olympic bronze medalist couldn't help Danny Kerry's women avoid a 3-0 defeat to the hands of Australia on Monday.

Elsewhere, Overton athlete Aaron Harris claimed sixth-place in the men's triathlon in his first-ever Commonwealth Games.

Harris completed the course at Strathclyde Country Park in 1:50.49.

Triathlon brothers Alistair and Jonathan Brownlee, from Yorkshire, led England to gold and silver medals.

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Bison want more cup joy



• Basingstoke Bison will hope for similar cup success this season, after winning the English Premier Cup earlier this year (Picture by Grant King (5holephotography.co.uk))

By Dan Church

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BASINGSTOKE Bison will face teams from the English Ice Hockey Premier League (EIHL) and the National Ice Hockey League (NIHL) in a new revamped English Challenge Cup competition next season.

A series of fixtures, to be drawn from regional groups, will see Bison play sides in their own league, plus those from lower divisions.

Selected teams from the top of the Conferences in both the North and South of the NIHL will compete in a North and South Conference consisting of all the EIHL sides.

Another feature sees any under-21 British players being drafted into an EPIHL team to aid their development and bring uniformity to the competition.

NIHL clubs will hope the exciting change will help test their line-ups against more prestigious teams, while also improving links between the two divisions.

Bison's director of hockey, Doug Sheppard, is looking forward to the new challenge ahead.

"This competition is a great idea, allowing us to visit different clubs in the south of the country, which I'm sure our supporters will be excited about," he said.

"Our cup success last season acted as a catalyst for everything that followed at Coventry in April and we will be hoping for a similar result this time around."

Bison have been placed in the South Conference for the new cup, joining the likes of Bracknell, Guildford, Chelmsford, Invicta, Milton Keynes, Swindon and Isle of Wight.

Chairman of the English Ice Hockey Association, Ken Taggart, added: "This is a very excit-

ing competition that has been put together and to have clubs from different leagues play each other is fantastic.

"For the supporters, it means they will have the chance to see teams that they wouldn't normally see.

"I expect that teams from the NIHL will want to take a scalp when they come up against EPL sides. Of course, the EPL players won't want to lose face, so the matches will be well-fought.

"I have wanted the challenge cup to be a major part of the season for some time and now, we have a format that will do that."

Sport Bites

Win for Jam Boys

WHITCHURCH United warmed up for the new Wessex Premier League campaign in winning style after edging past Bishop Sutton 2-1 at Lakeview last Saturday.

The visitors staged a courageous comeback to prepare in good stead for their league opener at Fareham Town at the weekend.

Meanwhile, Wessex Division One side Tadley Calvea slumped to a 2-0 home defeat against Thatcham Town in their penultimate pre-season fixture.

Goals from Barry Elmore and Gareth Thomas inflicted defeat on Danny Dolan's men ahead of their final pre-season fixture at Henley Town on Saturday.

Hartley Whitney's pre-season friendly against Daventry Town was postponed due to personal reasons from various management staff.

Saturday's suspension means Ben Dillon's side haven't played since their 4-1 defeat to Wokingham and Emmbrook on July 19.

BTCC is back

NORTH Hampshire racing driver Rob Collard returns from the British Touring Car Championship's mid-season break this weekend at Snetterton, hoping to seal his first win of the season.

Meanwhile, fellow partner Nick Foster will be looking to improve upon his 16th-place in the championship table after a mixed result at the last race in Croft.

After this weekend's events in Norfolk, the BTCC's race calendar will see Collard and Foster head for Scotland as the drivers visit Knockhill in Fife on August 24.

Loss for Basingstoke drops them further back in title hunt, but win elevates Hook

BASINGSTOKE and North Hants Cricket Club lost ground on the Southern Premier Cricket League Division One championship race after falling to a 27-run defeat away to Liphook and Ripsley.

The away side was bowled out for 167 runs, with Laurence Bengt top-scoring with a valiant effort of 33 runs.

Mathew Thankachan's sensational five-wicket haul from just 46 runs gave the visitor's

a glimmer of hope before slipping to their third loss of the campaign.

Meanwhile, fellow Division One side Hook and Newnham Basics secured their fourth victory of the season with a closely

fought victory over Fawley.

The visitors fought off the relegation contenders by one wicket after Matt Love's inspired knock of 103 runs.

Kev Poulter similarly gave a brilliant performance after

taking 4-56 to keep Hook and Newnham fourth in the second-tier.

Elsewhere, Hartley Wintney moved up to second in Division Two after edging past Paultons by 20 runs.

Jack Hersh hit 72 runs off 91 balls before Eric Linge took 5-41 to clinch Hartley Wintney's sixth victory from nine league games.

All three are due to be back in action on Saturday.

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BRISTOW PRAISES NEW PARTNERSHIP

JASON Bristow believes Basingstoke Town's partnership with Soccer AM can promote the club's welfare in non-league football.

By **Dan Church**

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The Dragons boss described the association with the popular football talk show as a "fantastic opportunity for the football club" ahead of Saturday's launch with a pre-season fixture against Woking.

Bristow said: "Hopefully it will highlight to the town that we've got a football club performing at a good level."

"It's a good chance for the players to put themselves in the limelight."

He added: "It's great for the supporters too, not just in Basingstoke, but supporters of non-league football to watch us on a weekly basis and see how things are progressing."

"Hopefully we can put on a good show on Saturday and move on from there."

The Conference South side have enjoyed a fruitful pre-season schedule so far, remaining unbeaten in seven matches, including victories over Hungerford Town and Reading under-21s.

Speaking after Tuesday night's convincing 4-1 win over Fleet Town, Bristow was pleased with his squad after last week's addition of former Hayes and Yeading United striker Julian Owusu.

"We're happy as we are at the moment," he said, "I think pre-season has gone very well for the team collectively."

"We're in no rush. If the right person comes up, then we'll see what happens."

"[Owusu] is a very strong centre forward who can cause real problems for defenders."

"He doesn't mind running in behind the defenders as he's strong and can hold the ball up."

"He's very awkward to play against and just gives us another dimension to the other forwards that we've already got."

Basingstoke's first competitive match at the Soccer AM Stadium will be on August 9 when Bristow's men host Hemel Hempstead Town in their Conference South opener.



• Jay Gasson heads clear during Basingstoke Town's 4-1 win over Fleet Town on Tuesday night (Picture by Les Chase)

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